Great News from Dublin,

ving a True Account of the Seizing of a Ship coming from *IRELAND*, with Fifty Commissions from the late King *James*, to several Gentlemen in *Lancashire*, in order (as supposed) to a Rebellion in *ENGLAND*. Together, with the Relation of the Papists Seizing the Protestants Estates in *Ireland*, and imprisoning the Vice-Provost of the Colledge of *Dublin*, and other Worthy Divines, on pretence of a PLOT, &c.

With Allowance.

SIR, *Chester* the 12th of *June*, 1689.

ON the *Eleventh* of this Instant, Arrived here a Vessel, with some Fugitive *Protestants* Aboad, which give an Account, that the pretended Parliament of *Dublin*, after the general Concurrence of both Houses, for rescinding and abolishing the late Act of Settlement, proceeded to pass a Bill for the Forfeiture of all Estates of *Protestants* absent; which, with all Severity, even Soldiers and Rabble-Papists put in Execution: That upon the Report of Supplies being Landed at *London-Derry*, they immediately Issued out an Order for securing all *Protestants* of any Note; and particularly, they have clapt up the Reverend Doctor *Acton*, Vice-Provost of the Colledg, and Doctor *King* the Minister of St. *Warbourgh's* Parish, and several others, upon a Blind pretence, that they were Plotting against the Government, (as they stile it) though all that could be said for harmless and Innocent Persons, was urg'd in their behalf to the late King; but such is the Insolence and Jealousie of the *French* Minister, and his Party, That it is now thought no longer in his Power to deny or maintain any thing against them. Yesterday came in a Vessel from *Dublin* to this Port, in company of another small Vessel, and King *William's* Officers of his Customs going on Board her, remember'd the Master had about five Weeks before stole out of the Harbour, without making her Entry at the Custom-House, and the Master besides being suspected for an ill man, they gave notice to the Mayor, and other the Kings Officers, who immediately Repair'd and Seize on the Kings Vessels; and, after strict Search, find packt up Fifty Commissions directed to several persons in *Lancashire*; which Commissions were forthwith sent to his Majesty, and 'tis hoped, will give an ample Discovery of all or most of the disaffected persons in that County: Colonel *Kirk*, with the Ships and Soldiers under his Command, sail'd from the Isle of Man the fifth Instant, the Wind at *East South-East*, a pretty strong Gale, so that we doubt not, by this time, of his safe Arrival: From *Dublin* we hear, that the Irish Army is extreamly discouraged with the vigorous Resistance of the *Protestants* in *London-Derry*, that they begin to look nearer into Matters, and do already shake their Ears, and wish they could handsomely unravel their past Actions. Doctor *Walker*, and Lieutenant *Baker*, do labour indefatigably for the support of the Town, which stands out yet, and in good condition; though by continual Watchings, and hard Service, they do hourly wish and Sigh for their long expected Succours. The Lord *Tyrconnel* continues indisposed with the Black Jaundice, which had like to have prov'd dangerous to him; he seems to be sensibly afflicted for the loss of his reputed Son the Lord *Galmoy*, (who was kill'd before *London-Derry* in the last great Sally) and is not well satisfied with the *French* Management of Affairs: Many of the *Irish* Army desert daily, and take the Bogs for their Refuge, being either terrified with the haughty Insolence of their *French* Commanders, or tired with the continual drudgery of Marching, Counter-Marching, and other Fatigues of Martial Exercise and Dangers: We have it confirm'd, that great Numbers of Boats and other small Vessels, design'd (as is thought) for Transportation of Soldiers from any part of the *North* of *Ireland* to *Scotland*, have been seized and burnt by the Ships from *Scotland*. The *Protestants* of *Dublin* begin now to be very apprehensive of their Safety, especially since the Confinement of those Clergy men and Encroachments on the Colledge: The late King hath put a stop to all Passes, and such is the strictness and severity of the Searchers, that we are likely to have little or no Intelligence from *Dublin*. This is all that occurs at present

From your Humble Servant, J. M.

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